

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 and 26-33 are currently pending.

Applicant notes with great appreciation that claims 1-18 have been allowed and that claims 22, 23, 26, 30, 31 and 33-35 stand objected to as dependent from a rejected base claim but containing allowable subject matter.

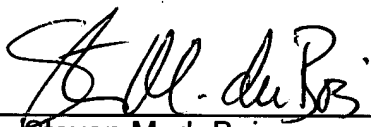
Applicant notes the objection to Figure 4. The informal drawing of Fig. 4 correctly listed HS slave X 440 and HS slave Y 450. However, the formal drawing submitted on June 24, 2004 incorrectly listed HS slave X 450 and HS slave Y 460. Attached hereto is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections to correct the identifiers in Fig. 4. Upon approval of this drawing correction, a corrected formal drawing will be submitted.

By way of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 34 and independent claim 27 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 35. Accordingly, all of the claims are now in condition for immediate allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

All of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, he is urged to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

Respectfully submitted,

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